

## DELTA PROJECT CHECKLIST

Prepared by the Delta Protection Commission

(For use when evaluating projects requiring local government discretionary approval)

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

Delta Primary Zone

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Delta Secondary Zone

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(Applicable only if location of project is determined to have the potential to impact the Primary Zone)

### **SECTION I: Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta (Management Plan):**

Please review each of the seven topic areas relative to the Findings, Policies and Recommendations of the Management Plan and identify those topic areas that are applicable to your project. For each topic area you identify as being relevant to your project, please answer all of the questions associated with that particular topic with “Yes”, “No”, or “Maybe”, and provide more detailed information as requested.

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#### **1. ENVIRONMENT:**

Will the project:

1a. Convert “prime” agricultural lands in the Primary Zone to other land uses?

1b. If managed primarily for wildlife habitat, be managed to provide several inter-related habitats?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Maybe</u>
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*If the answer to 1a is “yes” or “maybe”, please discuss in Section II.*

*If the answer to 1b is “no” or “maybe”, please discuss in Section II.*

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#### **2. UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE:**

Will the project:

2a. Locate new construction of transmission lines and utilities along existing utility or transportation corridors, or along property lines or edges of fields, to minimize impacts to agricultural practices?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Maybe</u>
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- 2b. Bury pipelines in utility corridors or existing rights-of-way to avoid impacts to terrestrial wildlife and agricultural practices?
- 2c. Be designed and constructed to minimize detrimental effects on levee integrity or maintenance?
- 2d. Provide adequate infrastructure improvements or pay to expand existing facilities?
- 2e. Locate new sewage treatment facilities (including storage ponds) or new areas for disposal of sewage effluent and sludge in the Primary Zone?
- 2f. Allow for disposal of solid waste in the Primary Zone?
- 2g. Impact traffic on roads that serve existing agricultural uses, commercial uses, recreational users, and Delta residents?
- 2h. Locate new or expanded general aviation airports in the Primary Zone?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Maybe</u>
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*If the answer to 2a, 2b, 2c, and/or 2d is “no” or “maybe”, please discuss in Section II.*

*If the answer to 2e, 2f, 2g, and/or 2h is “yes” or “maybe”, please discuss in Section II.*

☐ **3. LAND USE:**

Will the project:

- 3a. Continue to strongly promote agriculture as the primary land use in the Primary Zone, with respect to local general plans and zoning codes? (This could include support for transfer of development rights, lot splits with no increase in density, and/or clustering to support long-term agricultural viability and open space values of the Primary Zone, with respect to County plans and ordinances.)
- 3b. Incorporate appropriate buffer areas on the project site, to prevent conflicts between any proposed residential, recreational, commercial, or industrial use and existing agricultural use? (Buffers may include berms and vegetation, as well as setbacks of 500 to 1,000 feet.)
- 3c. Locate non-agricultural residential development, if needed, within existing Primary Zone communities where support infrastructure and flood protection are already provided?
- 3d. Set back structures from levees and areas that may be needed for future levee expansion?
- 3e. Allow mitigation beyond county boundaries, for example in approved mitigation banks?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Maybe</u>
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*If the answer to any of the above questions is “no” or “maybe”, please discuss in Section II.*

☐ **4. AGRICULTURE:**

Will the project:

- 4a. Support and encourage long-term viability of commercial agriculture in the Delta? (This could include support for plans and ordinances to maximize agricultural parcel size, reduce subdivision of agricultural lands, protect ordinary agricultural activities, and/or protect agricultural land from conversion to other uses.)
- 4b. Support acquisition of agricultural conservation easements as mitigation for projects?
- 4c. Promote use of environmental mitigation in agricultural areas that is consistent with ongoing agricultural operations and developed in appropriate locations designated on a countywide or Delta-wide habitat management plan?
- 4d. Retain agricultural zoning and minimum parcel sizes as described in zoning codes in place January 1, 1992?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Maybe</u>
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*If the answer to any of the above questions is “no” or “maybe”, please discuss in Section II.*

☐ **5. WATER:**

Will the project:

- 5a. If managing a flooding program to provide seasonal wildlife habitat on agricultural lands, incorporate “best management practices” to minimize mosquito breeding opportunities, in coordination with local vector control districts?
- 5b. Ensure adequate Delta water quality standards are set and met and that beneficial uses of State waters are protected consistent with the CALFED Record of Decision dated August 8, 2000?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Maybe</u>
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**6. RECREATION AND ACCESS:**

Will the project:

- 6a. Promote maintenance and supervision of existing public recreation areas, or encourage expansion of existing private water-oriented recreational facilities, over construction of new public facilities?
- 6b. Ensure minimal adverse impacts on agricultural land uses, levees, public drinking water supply intakes, and sensitive wetland and habitat areas?
- 6c. Support multiple uses of Delta agricultural lands, such as seasonal use for hunting, or improved parking and access sites?
- 6d. Support improved access for bank fishing along State highways and county roads where safe and adequate parking can be provided and with acquisition of proper rights-of-access from the landowner?
- 6e. Provide adequate policing, garbage cleanup, sanitation facilities, and fire suppression for improved bank fishing access?
- 6f. Include adequate restrooms, pumpout facilities, trash containers, oily waste disposal facilities, and other facilities necessary to meet the needs of marina tenants, and/or trailable boaters' fees that do not exceed the cost of maintenance?
- 6g. Encourage new recreation facilities that take advantage of the Delta's unique characteristics?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Maybe</u>
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*If the answer to 6a, 6b, 6f, and/or 6g is "no" or "maybe", please discuss in Section II.*

☐ **7. LEVEES:**

Will the project:

- 7a. Ensure that Delta levee maintenance and rehabilitation is given priority over other uses of the levee areas (to the extent levee integrity is not jeopardized, other uses, including support of vegetation for wildlife habitat, shall be allowed).
- 7b. Adhere to guidelines for federal and local levee maintenance and construction at a minimum as stipulated in the Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan guidelines developed by California Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the 1987 agreement, and set long term goals of meeting Public Law 84-99 standards administered by the Corps of Engineers?
- 7c. If vegetation standards are needed, promote native grasses and limited vegetation on specific areas of the levee?
- 7d. Allow new construction within flood hazard areas?
- 7e. If increasing flood protection, result in densities beyond those allowed under zoning and general plan designations in place on January 1, 1992, for lands in the Primary Zone?
- 7f. Control levee encroachments that are detrimental to levee maintenance?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Maybe</u>
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*If the answer to 7a, 7b, 7c, and/or 7f is “no” or “maybe”, please discuss in Section II.*

*If the answer to 7d and/or 7e is “yes” or “maybe”, please discuss in Section II.*

**SECTION II: Additional Information / Exhibits**

In order to complete this application, please submit any additional data, information, or studies that may be helpful in evaluating whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment, and/or determining how potentially significant impacts may be mitigated. If such information is not included as requested in Section I, your application may be rejected as an incomplete application.

Include any additional information or exhibits as attachments to this checklist.

**SECTION III: Applicant Contact Information**

Please provide the following information, in case there are any questions on this proposal.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone / Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION IV: Verification of Information**

I hereby certify that the information provided in this checklist and all attachments present the necessary information required for this evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Section V: Staff Review**

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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